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Bruce alias Brush

1. George Bruce alias Brush, said to have been a Scotchman, appeared in Woburn, Mass. as early as 1659. He married in Woburn as George Bruce, Dec 28, 1659, Elizabeth Clark, daughter of William and Margery Clark. She was born in Watertown, Nov. 26, 1642 and died in Woburn, Aug 13, 1710. He died in Woburn, Aug 13, 1692. There is no deed on record in Middlesex County in his name but he owned at his decease a large lot of lands.

Goodman Brush, aged about 30 deposed Oct 6, 1663, and George Brush deposed Aug. 27, 1664, calling himself about 30 years of age. The records fail to show any other person named Brush in Middlesex County for 150 years. His marriage and his children were recorded as the children of George Bruce. The Probate Records contain the settlement of his estate under the name of George Brush (File 3281). John Brush, Israel Walker and Samuel Kendall, all of Woburn gave a bond in £600 for John Brush to administer upon the estate of George Brush of Woburn, deceased, Jan 3, 1692/3. The inventory of the estate was taken, Aug 13, 1692. It describes many lots of land and was valued at £369: 17: 6.

The widow of George Brush, late of Woburn (who deceased the 22 day of July 1691) and the four eldest children namely

William, John, Mary and Elizabeth being of age agreed that the widow should have the homestead her lifetime. That William shall have that place which was appointed to him by his father in his lifetime lying next Samuel Snow's house. That John Brush shall have the homestead with 29 acres adjoining after his mother's decease xxx he to pay his two eldest Sisters and youngest brothers and sisters their portions. That the third son Joseph shall have the great Lott at Lubors Brook.

This agreement was signed by Elizabeth Brush, William Brush, John Brush, John Brooks, Mary Brooks, Elizabeth Brush Jr. and the mother was made guardian to Samuel Brush, Margery Brush and Lydia Brush.

George Bruce's children's agreement exhibited, Nov. 23, 1710 in Probate Court (3280)

Articles of agreement made by William Brush, John Brush, Joseph Brush, John Brooks in behalf of Mary his wife, Eben[r] Swan in behalf of Elizabeth his wife, Isaac Walker in behalf of Margery his wife, John Cutler in behalf of Lydia his wife, for a division of the estate of their Mother Elizabeth Brush, late of Woburn, relict of George Brush, late of Woburn, deceased. This paper was signed by William Bruce, John Bruce, Joseph Bruce, John Brooks, Eben[r] Swan, Isaac Walker and John Cutler, Nov. 23, 1710. They acknowledged this at Cambridge as their agreement before Fran: Foxcroft, Judge of Probate. Nov. 23, 1710.

Children surnamed Bruce, born in Woburn:

I. William[2], b. Nov. 21, 1660; d. Jan. 1, 1661.

II. William, b. Oct. 20, 1661; d. Nov. 3, 1661.

III. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 26, 1663; d. young.

IV. Mary, b. June 15, 1665; m.(1) Walter Cranston; m.(2) Jan 30, 1685, John Brooks.

2. V. William, b. Apr. 28, 1667.

VI. John, b. June 18, 1670.

VII. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 24, 1672; m. Mar. 2, 1698, Ebenezer Swan.

VIII. George, b. Jan. 18, 1674; d. Jan. 18, 1674.

IX. Joseph, b. Jan. 11, 1675; d. Feb. 28, 1675/6.

X. Joseph, b. Dec. 29, 1676.

XI. Samuel, b. Mar. 28, 1680.

XII. Margery, b. Apr. 24, 1684; m. Feb. 20, 1704, Isaac Walker.

XIII. Lydia, b. Apr. 10, 1687; m. John Cutler.